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SUBJECT: TAKING ACTION AGAINST PKK IN EUROPE

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Classified By: Econ/C Tom Goldberger. Reasons 1.5 b and d.

¶1. (C) Following up on his October 12 meeting with EUR/SE Director Silliman, MFA DG for Security Affairs Guven provided a summary of an instruction sent to Turkish embassies in the UK, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Hungary, Bulgaria, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Norway, Greece, the Netherlands, Austria, Italy, Finland and Romania to demarche their host governments on PKK activities in the respective countries. Guven also handed over copies of background notes on PKK activities provided to each of these Turkish embassies in support of the demarche. Citing UNSCRs 1373, 1566, and 1624 and the May 2005 Council of Europe Convention to Prevent Terrorism, the demarche (full text and copies of background information sent to EUR/SE) argues that in the post 9/11 world, European countries can not afford to continue to take a passive attitude toward PKK propaganda, financing, recruitment, training and other other political activities on their territory.

¶2. (C) Turkish embassies are instructed to use this information to make a high-level demarche to their host MFA, noting that the PKK is recognized as a terrorist organization by the EU, including under the names of KADEK and KONGRA-GEL. As discussed with Silliman, Guven would welcome parallel demarches on the subject by U.S. embassies, ideally after coordination with the local Turkish embassy.

¶3. (C) Guven was very appreciative of the demarche made by Embassy Copenhagen on Roj TV and the prior coordination with the Turkish embassy. He also provided a 26-page additional background note analyzing the content of Roj TV broadcasts that we will also send to EUR/SE.

¶4. (C) Comment. It appears that the bulk of the information in the background notes relates to political activities and terrorist incitement by PKK front organizations rather than non-terrorist criminal activities. We made the point to Guven that the planned December 15-16 CIA/DIA/FBI/DOJ meetings with Turkish counterparts will, hopefully, help focus the Turks on productive law enforcement activity with the Europeans that will lead to some real results in the short term. End Comment.

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